

I would advise you to read, as many good books as you can; for good books, if they are well understood, and well remembered, will never do you any harm, even if it were possible for you to read ten thousand of them; on the contrary, they will then be as nourishing to your mind, as a good meal will to your body.

If the Giant himself should be in the Library, he commonly presents you with a neat Bible; but, at the same time, he makes you promise very faithfully that you will read it through, and pay a strict regard to the contents of it. "For the Bible," he tells you, "is the very best book in the world, and contains every thing which is necessary to be known and practised to make you happy; but," adds he, "if you do not study it very carefully, praying to the Father of Light, to teach you the true meaning of it, and with a determined resolution (by the Grace of God) to pay a full and constant attention to what you there find to be your duty; "this

"this best, this most precious book, will not only be of no service to you, but will even appear against you, to your utter shame and condemnation, at the awful day of judgment."

After he hath given you this honest and very good advice, he generally introduces you to his family, where you will find his spouse, the lady *Good-example*, and his



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